

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am all for this merger. I have a sister and a brother that live far enough out into the country that they can not receive a useable tv signal thru a rooftop antenna. I have to call them when ever we have severe weather and tell them that its coming at them. So far we have been lucky enough to have some warning so that I can call them and they can take pre cautions for their safety. With the merger at least they could get local channels to see whats going on in their areas, and I wouldn't have to worry myself sick that I won't be able to get them the weather info on time for them to take action. My sister has a satellite, but my brother does'nt. My sister has ask the local networks for a waiver and they have said no, that she should be able to get an acceptable signal with a rooftop antenna. Well she can't and they could care less! My brother says he won't get a satellite until he can get local channels because thats what he wants to watch. As Americans we should have the right to receive and watch anything we want without some network dictating to us, what we can and cannot receive!

Thank You

Sincerely,

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